

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 1 - 18 are allowed.
2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The present invention of claims 1 - 18 is directed to an information recorder for extracting a predetermined standard-defined UMID buried in material signals to be recorded to a replaceable recording medium

Independent claims 1, 7, 13, 15, 17 and 18 identify the unique distinct feature “wherein data is prevented from being written over an existing record and data is prevented from being erroneously erased by collating end of source point information recorded in the contactless information storage means with end of source point information recorded on the replaceable recording medium thereby locating an end of source point.”

The closet prior art, Takayama (US 6519105) is disqualified since this prior art and the present application at the time the present application was made, were subject to an obligation of assignment to the same organization, i.e. Sony Corporation.

Hence claims 1, 7, 13, 15, 17 and 18 are allowed.

Since claims 2 - 6 are dependent on claim 1, claims 8 – 12 are dependent on claim 7, claim 14 is dependent on claim 13 and claim 16 is dependent on claim 15, therefore they are allowed.

Therefore claims 1 – 18 are allowed.

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